

valuation per pupil do better with equalization than the wealthier districts do. Well, what the committee did is it said, let's take Senator Remmers' 505 and with Senator Remmers' blessing let's use this as the state aid bill. The first thing we did is we took out his dedicated sales tax. We said, no more dedicated sales tax. We said, instead we will simply appropriate 90 million additional dollars to the current state aid formula which is \$133 million. We'll appropriate 90 million additional dollars to the current state aid formula. We will allocate half of that, \$45 million, to the foundation aid side and half of that, \$45 million to the equalization formula. In addition we said, because we had some tendency to believe that maybe school districts who receive this new state aid would just simply spend it for increased teachers' salaries and increased buildings and new gymnasiums and Olympic-sized swimming pools and lots of text books and so forth. We said, we'd better put a lid back in. So what we did is we put in a limited life, I think a two-year lid provision. Now that's the thrust of the committee amendments. The committee amendments have a lid. They call for \$90 million in state aid with half to equalization and half to foundation and that's the basic concept in the...and they also repeal the dedicated sales tax. They say that we'll just finance the state aid through an increase in both income and in sales taxes and with that I would offer to you the committee amendments.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Landis, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: (No response.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hefner, please.

SENATOR HEFNER: Mr. President and members of the body, I support the committee amendment. The Revenue Committee felt that we should try and advance a bill or several different versions of bills to provide property tax relief and this is one of them. The other two that we advanced so far have failed to advance by this body. This would provide \$90 million of extra money or increase state aid to schools by \$90 million. \$45 million of this would go to foundation and \$45 million would go to equalization. We thought that this would be fair for both the rural and urban areas. This would not come just from sales tax. This would come from the sales and income tax. It would come out of the general